#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

STON LT ERATURE. NORTH AMERICAN BEVIEWS FOR MAY-JUNE-A JAPANESE TRAVELER'S VIEW O AMERICAN POLI-

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDE T OF THE TRIBUNE.] Boston, Mass., April 24.—There is something peculiarly attractive about a book which one is allowed to see before it is ready to meet the world at arge. You confer with it informally, as the privileged visitors of Louis XV. and George Vilbors may have done with those worthies when they held levees (in the original sense of the word) while making their toilet of a morning: Gail Hamilton's novel, "First Love Is Best," has now reached the stage at which a newspaper corre spondent may be admitted to its presence. The author-ess, in a short preface, apologizes for trenching on the domain of the novelists. "But it is their own fault !" she explains. "The hard-heartedness displayed of late years by novelists toward their own creations such as to demand the establishment of a Society for the Prevention of Crueity to Heroes and Heroines. There is nothing left for a reader of sensibility but to follow the track of these luckless yet often excellent young men and women and lay out for them a happier fate than the unnatural authors of their being have provided. I give the novelists fair warning that without assuming ability to write their rest novel, I assert my right to rebel against their

I ought not perhaps to have called it a novel, for it is ex-pressly characterized as "A Sentimental Sketch," on the titie-page. With the same liveliness and freedom that mark the preface the authoress plac's before us an extremely unconventional heroine by means of the descrip-tion following: "Katherine Haviland emerged from her school-onys as strong as a young moose. If she had lived a little later she would have had more regard for the exigencies of science, but as it was, she never in her ignorance suspected that anything alled her, and was therefore practically as well off as if nothing ailed she ate cake and candy and pre-not inordinately, but whenever they in her way. \* and whenever x was expected from home, was eareful to enjoin the senders, by mail, to be sure and put in a jar of pickles." This robust young woman, however, has a romantic taste in the matter of marriage. She refuses commercial Mr. Glynn, who has somewhat bruntly offered himself to her, and she quickly accepts distinctly wanting in character and purpose. Her rela-tions to these two men form the source of interest in the story, and they are worked out with great eleverness and ingenuity, though perhaps too diffusely. But agreeably to the doctrine suggested by her preface, the authoress not allow affairs to turn out badly. I will not betray the plot of the story, but it may truthfully be said that the conception is original, and it is carried out with much wit and a certain high-spirited good humor that

must win approbation.

The writer discusses her own work and the cheerful disposition of her herofne with much phynaney. "Several times in her life (Kate Haviland's) had circumstances so arranged themselves around her a- to need but her helpng hand to produce an excellent tragedy, and Kate waised straight out of them every time. She had not head enough to perceive their capabilties, but she had heart enough to discern their duties. \* \* \* How can you make a tragedy out of such materials ! Only by fibbing, of course; and I have permanently alienated two of my hest friends by firmly refusing to do just that." What is said of young Labaile's ultimate career is anousing, and seems to involve a little satire upon the journal which reform letters recently published in THE TRIB-USE. Laballe had shirked his main duties in life, and had rue through a fairly good property while endeavoring to train himself as an observer of affairs, one of a class he thought this bountry needed. At last he received a legacy. "This left him lessure for the cultivation of his mind and the acquisition of liberal, unpartisan views, in which he was so successful that is any emergency he could always be reited on for deploring and even denouncsavagery of American manners, the poverty of American literature, and the corruption of American are is no room left for quoting any of the racy remarks rs. Estes & Lauriat promise the book for the 15th of May, and your readers can then go to the source "Pirst Love Is Best" will be followed by reissness of Gail Hamilton's previous books by the same firm This arrangement was made nearly a year back, I believe, and Messrs. Estes & Lauriat have waited that

time for the old editions to pass out of the market. The North American Review for May-Jane has a table ntion as the previous numbers under the new man-ment, and perhaps more. The first article is by Scantor Morton. "The American Constitution" it is called, and it discusses the mode of electing the President. It will be followed by another paper from the me gentleman, showing the dangers and disadvantages of the Electoral College. Karl Blind contributes probathe best essay that his appeared on the Eastern question, for it takes the matter from the inside and justifies the titie he has chosen-"Revelations of European Diplo-The "Political Reflections of a Japanese Traveler," however, is the most unique thing in this of The Review. The author, Sionara, says that as Americans have been giving their impressions of Japan, he will mow give his ideas about America. Some of then are decidedly entertaining. For example, he warms as are decidedly entertaining. For example, he warms us that we can never again settle Presidential disputes by the inethod of eight to seven, and says that in Japon the prejectors of our Hagh Commission, after giving rise to so much diseatisfaction, would have to commit saided. "Though I do not approve this practice, I think until construes have arrived at an advanced political state it is as me respects good. It makes men very careful in proposing political plans." Obviously. "In Japan," continues Sonara, "all editors of newscapers writing like induce in this country would be obliged to perform this act tenericly, and even Mr. Tilden, after he had get inductive of nearly 300,000 votes, could not survive ms certal with honor; but this is not because he has used bad language, but because he himself has been so much abused. For this reason he would have to commit separate suitedly." There is something "childike and bland a about this observer, albeit he is Japanese, not thinese. The essay is pranted from his manuscript without alteration, so as to preserve the original around of his save suggestions, and he certainny succeeds by his extreme shophelty in imparting a new value to very elementary statements. "The only thing to be done" in this country, our observer tolis us, "is abolish Constitution, then all is simple." The House of Representatives is to have more power, and can at any line out the Executive by failing to pass a vote of conditance. In tast case the President most resign, together with bla Cabinet ministers, who are chosen from the two houses. "This is free government—it is very simple: but the American people do not yet understand it, naving been 50 long blinded by hundred-year-old Constitution." The following is deliciously put: "The other day I was reading Declaration of Independence, saying every man was born equal and possesses malienable right of life, hebrity and the purpose. "This is only taking. Constitution does not secure this right. When I converse with chored person from bouth Carolina te that we can never again settle Presidential disputes by the method of eight to seven, and says that in Japan

### THE HOME OF BAYARD TAYLOR.

When I first made Bayard Taylor's acquaint When I first made Bayard Taylor's acquaintance se had not been in New-York long. He was eduting to
The Union Magazine for our common friend, Mrs. Carolime M. Kirkhand, who was spending her hobdays in Europe; and some errand of my own, I forget what, took
had own to The Tribune Building, and up into the editerial office. It was not in the Tall Tower, which then was
been but as I remember on the hop floor of the old brick
building, where the compositors were at work. I cannot
exactly place the young edd or at this visit, but I think
there was a railing round him and a fellow editor. My
next remembrance places him at a desk on the floor below the composing room, on the south sine of the room,
near one of the windows that looked out on Spruce st.
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I rem't quite so sure of it
bow's may have had something to do with it. It was not
long before it was our custom to spend the Saturday
evenings together in his room in Marray-st.—I think it
was Murray-st.—where we read this so-called poetry in
MS., where we criticlesed it, rather too middly, I am
siraid, and where the poet-oditor tempted me anto smokling alrong elgars, shall I ever paes such evenings again t

Never till youth returns, and the bright enthusiasms of youth.

Never all youth returns, and the bright enthusiasms of youth.

"There are no birds in last year's nests."

It is Fayard Taylor the poet, and not Bayard Taylor the traveler, whom I wish the readers of Wide Aneace to know now, so I shall pass rapidly over his career as a traveler. His account of wayage was to California just affect the breaking out of the gold fever in 1849. He went there as correspondent of The Tainuxia, and the letting which he wrote to it were better than those of another California correspondent. About two was the returned to America his country men wanted him to becture, and he did so, giving ninety lectures than to becture, and he did so, giving ninety lectures the twent to Europa for the second time. When he returned to America his country men wanted him to becture, and he did so, giving ninety lectures them to becture, and he did so, giving ninety lectures them to be the returned to America his country men wanted him to lecture, and he did so, giving ninety lectures the travel of prose describing a journey to Central Africa; then another volume of prose about the lands of the Saracen, and another about North China and Japan.

When Bayard Taylor was a bachelor it mattered little where he lived; one place was a good as another to a man of his roving disposition. But now that he was a husband and a fathier t behoved him to have a place which he could call his home. He had long fixed his eyes on a spot of ground upon which when a boy he built his castles in Spain, and which he meant to buy some day, when it was for sale, and he hought to that the was a much a dream at first as his voyage to Europe, but it became a reality at last, as the voyage did, for it was for sale, and he bought it, or rather it was bought for him during his residence abroad. It lies in sight of, and immediately opposite, the old Taylor homestgad, from which it is separated by a comity road that goes winding up hill and down vaie through stretches of beautifus secarcy. The border—which faces the road language of the prov

### RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Methodist bishops hold their semi-an-

nual meeting to Cleveland on May 15. The Reformed Episcopalians bave now five places of worship in Baltimore. The lifth has just been

The "Presbyterian Church in England" has 260 congregations, 53,000 members, and an annual in ne of £163,000. Mr. Moody's meetings in Boston will come to

close the last of this mouth. He will, however, remain The Rev. Mr. Taylor's special Sunday ser-

vices in San Francisco continued until April 15, the last ermon being preached on that day.

The Bishop of Gloucester, England, has lately | dainking, but even saleon-keepers. The interest thus rance cause, he has become a total abstainer from

The friends of the English bill to legalize marriage with a deceased whe's sister intend to bring

forward that measure during the present session of the The Troy Methodist Episcopal Conference, at

Its late resion, recommended the appointment of an agent to collect \$15,000 for the relief of the church at Saratoga Springs. The annual sermon before the American

Congregational Union will be delivered to-morrow ening, in the Church of the Disciples (Dr. Hepworth's),

The annual sermon before the American Bible society will be delivered in the St. Paul's Methodist Episeopal Church, Foorth-ave. and Twenty-second-st., on Sunday evening, May 6, by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Taylor.

A series of Sunday evening sermons upon Unitarian views of the truths of Christianity, to be de Hyered in the Boston Theater, has been announced by the Suffolk (Boston) Conference of Unitarian churches. Dr. Charles Hodge of Princeton will not be

able to attend the Pan-Presbyterian Council, in Edinburgh, next July. He is troubled with a weakness of the chest, which has incapact ated him for public speaking. The Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D. D., who has een for some time in England collecting the material for

a history of the early days of Congregationalism, is now on his way home. He is expected by the Scythia about April 30. A temperance cocoa and coffee-house has been

opened in Shefflel i, England. The house is the gift of a citizen, and is the first of the kind in the city. At the opening, addresses were delivered by Mr. Roebuck, M. P., and Mr. Mundelia, M. P.

The General Synod of the disestablished Church of Ireland was opened upon April 10. The usum address of the Lord Primate was upon the dangeronconsequences of extreme ritualism, and the causes for alarm which ritualism new gives.

The English Wesleyans will open a new church in Rome to-morrow, April 29. The building is in the "Via Delia Scrofa," opposite the palace of the Car dinal Vicar of the Pope, Mgr. La Valetta. The paster of the new church is the Kev. Mr. Piggott.

The anniversary exercises of the Chicago Baptist Theological Seminary begin May 6. The sermon before the Theological Union will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Galusha Anderson. The sermen before the alarani will be preached by the Rev. Robert Leshe.

Mr. E. P. Hammond writes from Seneca Falls to the editor of The Syracuse Journal that " 327 persons have, in that place, been examined and have signed the covenant, 87 of them between 15 and 20 years of age, 147 between 10 and 15, and 26 between 20 and 70."

The expenses of Mr. Moody's Tabernacle services to May 1 are \$41,250; there have been paid to and subscribed about \$20,000, leaving a balance of \$21,250 to be raised. Mr. D. E. Snow, the treasurer, of the Tabernacle fund, has called for contributions to meet

The railway branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Columbus, Ohio, have opened a cading-room in the depot for railroad men. The room is supplied with 54 papers, and in six months has registered 16,472 readers. A beginning has been made in col-lecting a library.

A fountain on the top of the spire of a Roman Cathoric Church is one of the novelnes of Virginia City, Nevada. An iron pipe passes through the cross which surmounts the spire, and furnishes water to a fan-shaped combination of jets. The hight of the cross from the ground is 170 feet.

A Women's Baptist Home Missionary Society has been organized with the purpose of cooperating with the well known Home Missionary Society of the Baptist Churches. Special attention will be given to freedm Indians, and immigrant heathen populations. Mrs. J. N. Crounse of Chicago is President.

not cease with the departure of Mr. Reedham for Lewis-ton early this month. The work is now carried on by the several churches, occasional union services being held. About 800 conversions are reported as the result of Mr. Needhatu's preaching in Portland.

Mr. Rassam, the gentleman who undertook to earry out for the British Museum the excavations begun by the late Mr. George Smith, has been obliged to return home. For the past four months Mr. Rassam has been in Constantinople endeavoring to obtain a firman from the Turkish Government. His failure in this has caused his return.

The Secretary of State of Massachusetts publishes a pamphlet on the marriage laws of the Com-monwealth for the use of clergymen. Copies are also furnished to town clerks when applied for for distribution among ministers. Hints are also given in the pam-phlet for the guidance of ministers in the selemnization of marriage.

According to The Jewish Messenger, "the real hand and brain of the Foreign Office at St. Petersburg, is a little hump-backed Jew of the name of Hamburger. Trained as a young clerk by the great Russian Chancel-lor, Count Nesselrode, he became the right hand of Prince Gortehakoff. He is now a Privy Commellor at the actual head of the Ministry."

The Italian Government has brought a bill before the Chamber of Deputies authorizing the sale by the civil authorities of the property of the parochial confraternities and benefices. The interest of the money derived from the sales will be applied to the support of the parish churches, each chorch receiving its present average meome. Any overplus will be divided between the poorer parishes and the municipal schools.

The usual monthly meeting of the Congre-

gational Club of Boston was held at Pilgrim Hall on Monday evening, April 23. Brief addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. H. Malcom, Secretary of the American Peace Society, and by the Rev. H. M. Storrs, D. D., after which the question of the evening, "Our Duty to the Romanists Among Ourselves," was opened by the Rev. Wm. Barrows. During anniversary week the club will hold its annual festival at Fancuil Hall.

The trustees of the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Penn. (Presbyterian), have Hebrew, in place of the late Rev. Dr. Jacobus. The recent Commencement of the seminary was a semi-cenjermial occasion. Among the reminiscences brought for ward by the orator of the day was the fact that Andrew Jackson was one of the committee that 50 years ago recommended the establishment of the seminary.

The Rev. Dr. E. T. Baird, late secretary and business manager of the Southern Presbyterian Committee of Publication, has become involved in finanwind trouble, and has resigned his office. He has carried on a private business in which he has best money. The Richmend Dispatch states that "the Committee of Pub-lication will probably be compelled to meet Dr. Baird's obligations to the amount of \$22,000." The whole case is now before the East Hanover Presbytery, of which he

At the Chicago Methodist Preachers' meeting on Monday hast the Rev. Mr. Harrison of the Southern Methodist Caurch made an address on the relations of the North and the South, which was "stened to with great interest. He said in closing : "I want to assure you that there is love and charity and prejudice assure you 'hat there is love and a summer my people, and I suppose that there is prejudice among you. I am evenly balanced myself, and would fall to either side without any boulde." A committee of preachers was appointed to procure a place where Mr. Burrison could deliver a public address.

As in this country, the English religious socicties hold their anniversaries during the present month and May. The Baptist anniversaries were held April 18-27. The day appointed for the meeting of the Bap-tist Union of Great Britain and Ireland was April 23 The entire series of sessions closed with a missionary breakfast upon the 27th. The thirty-second annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held ing of the Young Men's Christian Association was been in Exeter Hall, London, upon April 19. The Earl of Shaftes-bury presided. The Church Massionary Society will hold its annual meeting in London May 1. Lord Northbrooke, late Viceroy of India, will be one of the speakers. The annual sermon before the society is to be delivered by the Bishop of Durham upon the evening of April 39.

The 10th of May has been set by the Pope for the reception of the English Roman Cathelies who go to Rome to attend the jubilee. According to The London \*Tablet the programme for the celebration of the jubilee is as follows: The celebration will begin upon May 31. Upon that day and June 1 and 21 a \*Triduum of thanks giving for the preservation of the life of the Pope will be celebrated in the Church of St. Pictro in Vincoli, in which church the Pope was consecrated bishop 50 years ago For these occasions the church is to be very richly decorated. Each day after vespers a sermon will be prenched. to be followed by benefiction. Upon the actual day of jubilee, June 3, muses will be celebrated troin daybreak. jabilee, June 3, misses will be constrained from any break. At 7 o'clock that morning there will be a general communion for the Italian phyrimage, which has been organized by the President of the Sectiony of the Youth of Italy. At 10 a.m. High Masses of thanksgiving will be celebrated by one of the cardinals. All of the prelates in Rome at this three are to take part in the coremonies.

A correspondent in Western Pennsylvania, writing of the mention in this column on last Saturday of the great progress of the temperature reform in Elmira in the same cause in Western P-nurylvania. Eric especially has been found a fruitful field. Since the begin Rector will resign. The patron of the living is his brother, Mr. Robert Tooth, who is at present in Clana.

The Bishop of Glopeester, Frederick and the present in Clana. ning of operations in March by Murphy's disciples, 8,960 extended to the various villages, borongle and townships of Eric County, and of the adjoints Counties of Chantanqua, Warren, Grawford, Mercer, and perance army. It is worthy of notice that here, as probably closwhere, the active workers are, to a considerable extent, from the ranks of daily knorers, and find a majority of the speakers are without marked intellectual calcure. But any perceptible want of correct diction and graceful elecation is more than supplied by exhabitions of near-felt zeal. In such hands, inspire by a conscious sense of the magnitude of the evil combatted, and sustained by the teacaines and spirit of the whole Caristian Charel, fresh trainiples must be achieved and many communities be permonently be nefited."

# TWO NEW SONNETS BY KOSSETTI.

Mr. Dante Gabriel Rossetti has just painted two important pictures, the motives of which are found in these two sonnets which he has lately written:

Mystery: lot betwint the Sua and Moon
Astarte of the Syrians: Venus Queen
Ere Aphrodite was. In silver sneen
Her twotold girdle clasps the inflate boon
Of bliss whereof the Heaven and Earth commune;
And from her neck's inclining flower-stem lean
Love-freighted flips and absolute eyes that wean
The pulse of hearts to the spheres' dominant tune.

Torch-bearing, her sweet ministers compel All thrones of light, beyond the sky and sea, The witnesses of Beauty's face to be: That face of Love's all-penetrative spell, Amulet, taisman, and oracle— Betwixt the Sun and Moon a mystery.

Betwixt the Sun and Moon a mystery.

A SEA SPELL.

Her lute bangs shadowed in the apple tree,
While flashing fingers weave the sweet-strong spell
Between its chords; and as the wild notes swell,
The sea-bard for those branches leaves the sea.
But to what sound her listening car stoops she t
What nother world galf-whispers oth she hear,
In answering echoes from what planisphere,
Along the wind, along the estuary !

She sinks into her spell; and when full soon Suc sinks into her sper; and when this som Her lips move and she sears into her song, What creatures of the milimest main shall throng In unrowed surf-clouds to the summoning rune; Thi he, the fated mariner, hears her cry, And up her rock, bure-breasted, comes to die!

# LITERARY NOTES.

Both The American Bookseller and The Library Table are now publishing mouthly indexes to periodica literature, The Index having been merged in the former. The eighth volume of the translation of D'Auoigne's " History of the Reformation in the Time of is approaching completion. It will be pub-are by R. Carter & Bros.

The story of "Nick Whiffles," by Dr. Robinon, the next volume in Carlton's New-York Weekly series. has been so popular with readers of that journal that they have twice caused its republication in its con This is easy editing.

"Harry," the new poem by the clever author of "Mrs. Jerningham's Journal," will be printed in this country by Scribner, Armstrong & Co., as well as issued by Messra, Ma millan, the former house having been the American publishers of all the preceding books.

The elever editor of The Nineteenth Century has made quite a hit with his "Modern Symposium," in which, in the April and forthcoming numbers, the leading representatives of the various phases of religious faith, positivist morality, and scientific opinion debat the influence of a decline of religion upon morality. Mr. Hanry Helt proposes to reprint the papers in a little book, when will have the additional feature of biographical rale of showing their several relations to religio-seign tific opinion.

The blue glass mania is not yet on the wane, the latest manifestation being in "Pleasonton papeteries," in which the top of the boxes is of blue glass The cause of all the trouble, Gen. Pleasonton's "blue glass book "-"The Influence of the Blue Ray "-has exhausted four editions, and the fifth is on the press, and the publishers, Claxton, Romsen & Haffelfinger of Phila-delphia, have reason to be fully satisfied of the neathful influence of blue glass on trade. This house is now mak-ing a specialty of scientific publications, in which its list The revival meetings at Portland, Maine, did by John H. Cooper, M. E., which is said to be the only

special work published on this subject, and which is ex-pected to prove a valuable edition to an engineering library. It will be furnished with illustrations, and with tables for determining tension, friction, &c.

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